(b) Yes, Sir. The Railway Reforms Committee (RRC) which examined the representations and carried out an indep h study on the subject, did not recommend creation of new Division at Rangiya.

Introduction of an Express Train between Kanyakumari and Coimbatore via Alleppy

358. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce an express train between Kanyakumari and Coimbatore via Alleppy in order to connect Southern Tamil Nadu with this industrial city; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Amount recovered from Stalls/Shops by the Railways

359. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pelased to state :

(a) what are the detail's of the amount covered from all other vending contractors ing contractor in circulating area of Bombay, Delhi, Madras and Calcutta in the shape of ground rent and licence fee etc; and

(b) what are the details of amount recovered from all other vending contractors of circulating areas at stations in Indian Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Costs of construction of a rail link between Kovvur and Bhadrachalam

360. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1921 given in the Rajya Sabha on he 10th March, 1993 and state :

(a) what would be the present cost of construction of rail link between kovvur and Bhadrachalam, a distance of 149 kms; and

(b) whether Government propose to take up this rail link in the event of funds being raised from the local people and State Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) (a) and (b) The last survey done in 1971 estimated the cost at Rs. 10.39 crores. The rate of return was only 3.8% The project being unremunerative could not be considered. As the cost estimated only after survey, the present cost cannot be indicated. There is no proposal to take up this work.

अलाभकारी रेलगाड़ियां चलाने पर करोड़ों रुपये का नुकसान

361. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :**

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र :

श्री एन. गिरिप्रसाद :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में सरकार द्वारा अलाभकारी रेल मार्गों पर रेलगाड़ियां चलाने के कारण रेलवे को 1,500 करोड़ रुपये वार्षिक नुकसान हो रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं;

(ग) इस प्रकार के अलाभकारी मार्ग देश के किस-किस क्षेत्र में हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इन मार्गों को लाभकारी बनाने के लिए इन मार्गों का विस्तार